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The Need for Extra Year 7 School places 2017- 2027

Executive Summary

1. This report presents information on the School Place Planning from 2017 to 2027 for secondary places
- 1.1 In recent years there has been a continuing increase in the number of children born across the Borough, and who in turn will need Secondary School places. Data presented in the report at Borough and Township level shows there are different demand pressures in each township.

Recommendation

2. Consider the proposals to meet the additional demand for secondary school places in future years.

Reason for Recommendation

3. Each Local Authority has a statutory duty to secure a sufficient number of school places in each of their regions.

Key Points for Consideration

- 4 The Borough has seen consistent growth in the Primary school cohorts. In 2005 Reception numbers were 2450 and this year are predicted to be 3100. This is a 550 increase in Reception numbers. Secondary cohort sizes started to increase in 2012 and are expected to mirror and exceed the Primary increases until 2024. Secondary cohorts started at a low of 2200 pupils and are expected to increase to 3300, which is an increase of 1100. The disparity in increases in cohort sizes in Reception and Year 7 is due to both, the recent increases in cohort size that have occurred throughout the Primary years (55%), and the forecasted increase in housing builds (45%). Full details are set out in **Appendix One**.

Secondary provision has been hugely expanded over the last few years with

an extra 280 places having already been provided or currently being built. Building work has provided extra places at Holy Family RC &CE College, Cardinal Langley RC High School, Falinge Park High School and Hollingworth Academy since September 2016. Additional extra places are in place for September 2017 at Kingsway Park High School and Falinge Park High School, and for September 2018 at Matthew Moss High School. Middleton Technology School had a major restructure in 2013/14 to accommodate an extra 60 children per year group. The following tables give a summary of year 7 spaces and places needed up to 2027/28 for the two areas; Heywood and Middleton and Pennines and Rochdale. It also reviews what plans have been put into place and suggests possible ways forward where needed.

Heywood and Middleton: There is consistently a net movement into this area with more children attending secondary schools in this area than attended primary schools. The table below shows that although we have met the demand for places this September (2017), extra provision will need to be in place for September 2018 and every year beyond. Current forecasts show the existing large cohorts in primary years move through into secondary with the growth in numbers stabilising after 2023. A Free School bid is currently being put together by Hopwood Hall College, supported by the Altus Trust which is the Multi Academy Trust set up by Rochdale Sixth Form College, with the aim of it being submitted in September 2017. Without this new school in the area the pupils currently attending our primary schools will be without secondary places to go to. Full details are set out in **Appendix Two**.

Heywood and Middleton	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
YEAR 7 Places	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015
Year 7 Expected Pupils	1011	1058	1087	1124	1209	1278	1290	1259	1285	1231	1267
Year 6 Pupils	940	983	1015	1046	1120	1187	1200	1171	1194	1152	1188
Extra Places Needed		-43	-72	-109	-194	-263	-275	-244	-270	-216	-252
Options	Proposal for 2018: i) Provide an additional 30 places at Siddal Moor in existing accommodation. Proposals for 2019 onwards: ii) Consult on an additional 30 (60 total) places at Siddal Moor by extending school iii) Establish a new 180 place Free school in the Middleton area by 2020. iv) The shortfall in extra spaces will need to be sought through additional building at existing schools. Co-operation from secondary Academies will be vital to the provision of sufficient school places as options at LA maintained schools have been fully utilised										

Pennines and Rochdale: In this combined region there is significant net movement of children out of the area to attend secondary schools in other areas. A pupil deficit is expected to grow with a peak of an extra 227 spaces needed by 2024. Along with the extra need in the Heywood-Middleton area extra places will need to be put in place by 2019. Full details for are set out in **Appendix Three**.

Pennine s and Rochdale	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
YEAR 7 Places	1775	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830
Year 7 Expected Pupils	1683	1814	1901	1959	1885	1898	2009	2057	1929	1953	1945
Year 6 Pupils	1790	1929	2021	2081	2000	2012	2131	2185	2051	2080	2075
Extra Places Needed			-71	-129	-55	-68	-179	-227	-99	-123	-115
Options	Proposals for 2019 onwards: i) Establish a new 180 place Free school in the area by 2022 ii) The shortfall in extra spaces will need to be sought through additional building at existing schools. Co-operation from secondary Academies will be vital to the provision of sufficient school places as options at LA maintained schools have been fully utilised										

Borough-wide:

Borough	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
YEAR 7 Places	2790	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845
Year 7 Expected Pupils	2694	2873	2987	3083	3094	3176	3299	3315	3215	3185	3212
Year 6 Pupils	2730	2912	3036	3127	3120	3199	3331	3356	3245	3231	3263
Extra Places Needed		-28	-142	-238	-249	-331	-454	-470	-370	-340	-367
Extra classes Needed		1	5	8	8	11	15	16	12	11	12
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Total extra places		30	60	240	240	420	420	420	420	420	420
Deficit (-) / Surplus places		2	-82	2	-9	89	-34	-50	50	80	53
Classes needed*			3				1	2			

Alternatives Considered

The case is clear for the need of 2 extra secondary schools. Given the limited options the acceptance of a local trust is considered to be the preferred choice. The option is to go out to tender with Multi academy trusts nationwide. Extra capacity is definitely needed for 2019 and 2023/24 and will also be needed in the intervening years to enable in-year moves. Current spare capacity has been 4-6 FE across the borough and even with this spare local pressures have still be felt. Above the extra two schools all secondary schools will need to be approached to provide extra capacity.

Costs and Budget Summary

5. The costs associated with co-ordinating admission arrangements are met from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

The costs for refurbishment or new build accommodation at schools which are providing additional pupil places is funded by the EFA annual allocations of Basic Need capital budget.

Where a school and the LA agree to increase the school's PAN to meet the LA's statutory need a school receives additional funding from the growth fund. The growth fund is funded by DSG and the current policy has been agreed by Schools Forum.

Costs for the two Free Schools will be sought from the Department for Education by the Academy Trust as part of the bidding process. The bid monies will fund both capital and start-up costs.

Risk and Policy Implications

6. The Council has a statutory duty under the Education Act 1996 to ensure the provision of sufficient schools for primary and secondary education in their area. Under s.14 of the Education Act 1996, a local authority shall secure that sufficient schools for providing primary and secondary education are available in their area. Sufficient means sufficient in number, character and equipment to provide for all pupils the opportunity of appropriate education. In meeting this duty, a local authority must do so with a view to securing diversity in the provision of schools and increasing opportunities for parental choice.

The application of pupil place planning arrangements contributes to the Council Business Plan in ensuring an effective allocation process for school admissions.

Consultation

7. All school expansions recommended by Cabinet will be taken forward through a formal consultation process.

The proposals for the new Free Schools have been discussed within the

Secondary Place Planning Working Group, the Pioneer Trust and a Meeting held for the Primary Heads in Heywood and Middleton.

A consultation process organised by the Altus Education Partnership trust about the new Middleton Free School will open shortly.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
8. Consultation responses are held within the Schools Service	4 th Floor, Number One Riverside, Rochdale
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